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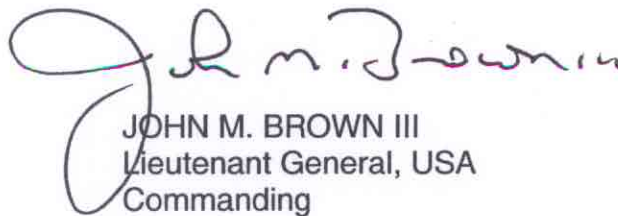
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SUBJECT: Fourth of July Safety Message 2005

1. This July 4th marks the 229th anniversary of the birth of our nation – a holiday weekend and a time of celebration for our Soldiers, civilians, and their families. Unfortunately, this holiday has too often ended in tragedy due to preventable accidents. As we celebrate our nation's independence, I ask you to reflect on both the blessings and responsibilities of liberty. As free citizens of a democracy, we are responsible for the defense of our nation and the welfare and safety of our families, friends, fellow Soldiers, and ourselves.
2. Tragically, US Army, Pacific has lost three Soldiers to privately owned vehicle accidents this year. Vehicle accidents are the leading cause of injuries and fatalities in the Army. Speeding, alcohol, fatigue and non-use of seatbelts or motorcycle protective equipment continue to be common factors. With this in mind, I ask leaders to mentor our Soldiers on the importance of making mature, informed decisions and the impact of accidents on the Army, our families, and our Soldiers.
3. Responsible decisions will make a difference. Enjoy this Independence Day holiday. Take care of each other. Be Safe!


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